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# MaineCare Accountable Communities Initiative

## Member Attribution Methodology

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## **Welcome & Introductions**

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## **Accountable Communities Implementation Timeline**

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### Methodology Review Sessions

- February: Quality Framework, Savings Assessment Methodology Part I
- March: Savings Assessment Methodology Part II

### Federal & State Authority

- Dec/ Jan: Ongoing discussions with CMS
- Early Feb: State Plan Amendment submission to CMS
- Maine Rulemaking

### Contracting

- March: Negotiations

### Implementation

- May 1: Implementation

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## **State & Partner Roles in Attribution Process**

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### Office of MaineCare Services

- Policy decisions
- Provide claims and enrollment data

### Deloitte

- Contract with State to develop and test methodology
- Conduct attribution for benchmark period

### Maine Health Management Coalition Foundation

- Will conduct quarterly attribution updates and final attribution for performance year
- Provide consultation to State & Deloitte
- QA of AC National Provider Identifier (“NPI”) information

### USM Muskie School

- Provide consultation and technical assistance to State & Deloitte



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## **Background on Member Attribution**

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## Background on Member Attribution

*The MaineCare Accountable Communities initiative will not restrict members' freedom of choice. Accordingly, members will be aligned with, rather than enrolled in, Accountable Communities.*

*To align members with Accountable Communities, a member attribution process will be performed.*

### What is Member Attribution

- A method by which a state can reasonably credit the activities of a care coordination provider to beneficiary care outcomes and program cost.
- Attribution will use a series of criteria to align members to an Accountable Community ("AC").
- Members attributed will be included in the Per Member Per Month ("PMPM") Total Cost of Care ("TCOC") calculation for each AC.

### Why Perform Member Attribution

- Attribution ensures that an AC is not at risk for costs for which they have no control
- Attribution also appropriately links an AC's actions to the shared savings payment methodology

***Member attribution is a key step in PMPM TCOC development***

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## **Overview of Open Group Member Attribution Methodology**

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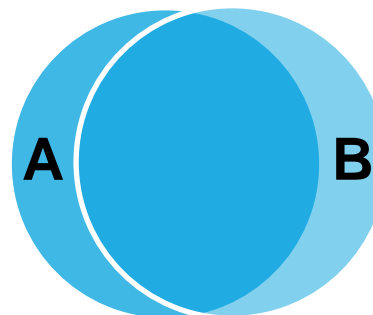
# Overview of Open Group Member Attribution Methodology

*The MaineCare AC initiative will utilize an open group member attribution methodology.*

## Definition of an Open Group Member Attribution Methodology

### Open Group Member Attribution:

- Member attribution is performed both in the benchmark period and performance year.
- Quarterly attribution updates will be provided.
- It is anticipated that the majority of the attributed members will be the same between the benchmark period and performance year.
- Final attribution is determined at the end of each performance year.



- **Population A:** Members attributed in benchmark period.
- **Population B:** Members attributed in performance year.
- **Population A and B** overlap with each other.

## Benefits of an Open Group Member Attribution Methodology

- An open group member attribution methodology is CMS's preferred methodology.
- It mirrors the attribution methodology used in Medicare Shared Savings Program.
- More accurate member attribution, and savings and loss payment calculations.
- Data in the benchmark and performance periods are more symmetrical.
- Fewer adjustments will be made to the performance period PMPM to account for data inconsistencies.
- It enables a focus on providing the same level of care for all MaineCare members.

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## **Timing of Member Attribution**

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# Timing of Member Attribution

*Below summarizes the timing of the member attribution in the benchmark period and performance period.*

## Benchmark Period Attribution:

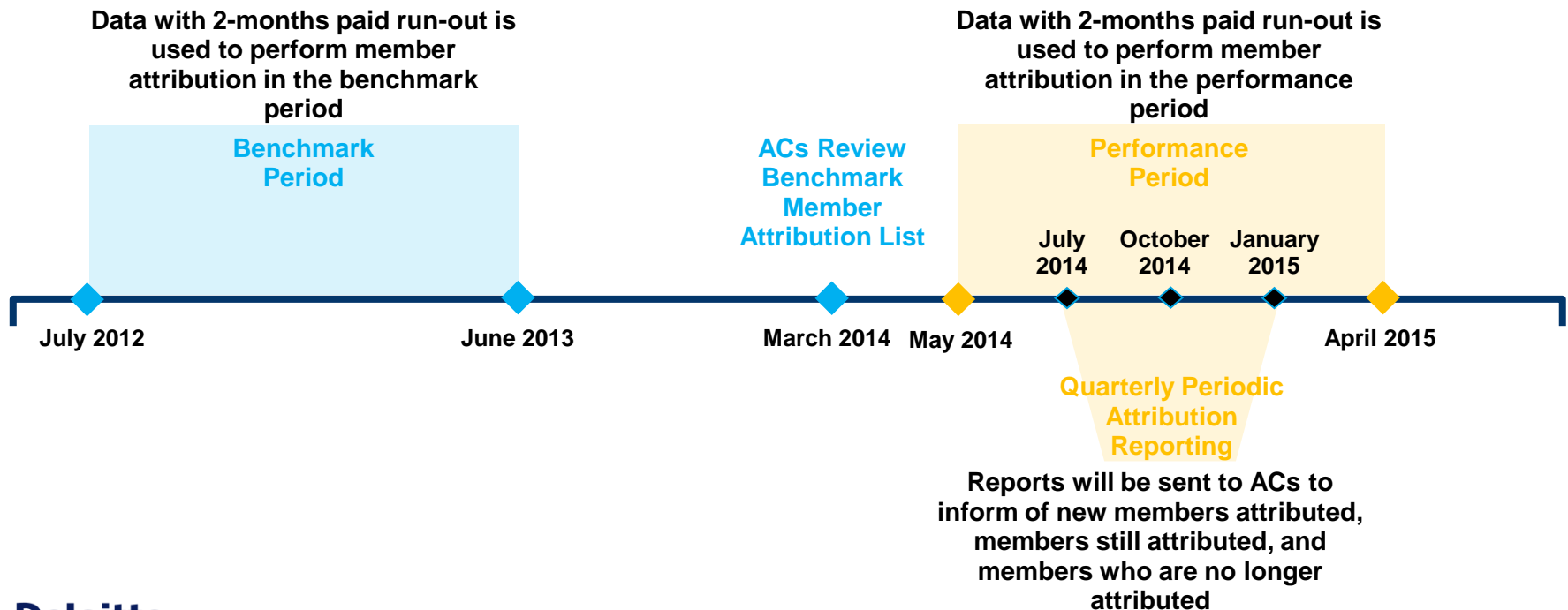
- State Fiscal Year 2013 (July 2012 – June 2013) data with 2-month run-out is used for member attribution in the benchmark period.
- ACs will be able to review member attribution lists in March 2014.
- Benchmark period attribution will be finalized in the next few months.

## Periodic Attribution Reporting:

- Interim member attribution will be performed each quarter in the performance period and reports will be provided to each AC.
- Each AC will be able to see new members attributed to them and members who are dropped out of the program.

## Final Performance Period Attribution:

- Full 12 months of performance period (anticipated to be May 2014 – April 2015) data with 2-month run-out is used for member attribution in the performance period.
- This is considered final attribution reporting.



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**Attribution**  
**Review and Reconciliation**

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## Accountable Communities Attribution Review and Reconciliation

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*Each AC will have the opportunity to review their benchmark period attributed member list. A reconciliation process will be conducted if significant discrepancies are observed.*

### Review Attributed Member List

- The attributed member list (consisting of Medicaid ID) will be sent to each AC in March 2014
- Each AC will have the opportunity to review their benchmark period attributed membership and determine discrepancies

*It is anticipated that minimal discrepancies for the attributed member list will occur due to the following:*

- Validated AC provided NPIs with the national NPI database and the detailed claims data used for attribution
- Health Home membership and utilization in claims data will be utilized to attribute members

*However, a reconciliation process will be conducted if significant discrepancies are observed.*

### Reconciliation Process

- AC submits discrepancies and questions to the State
- The State will review the questions and provide support from data on why members were attributed
- If material differences are observed, a reconciliation process will be conducted



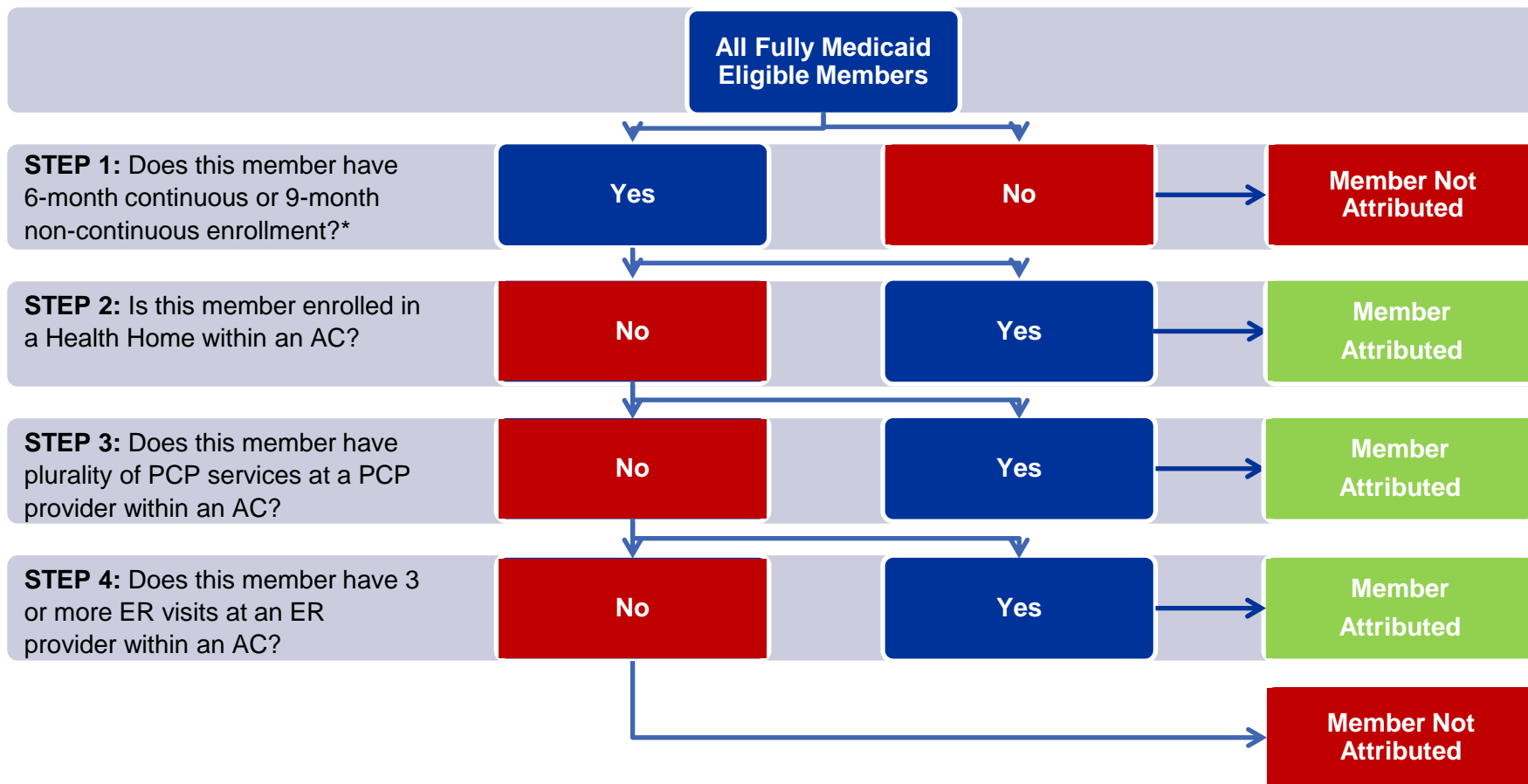
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## **Member Attribution Steps**

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*Members will be attributed to an AC using the below criteria.*



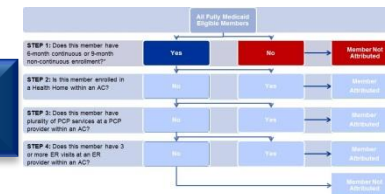
**\*Note:** A member has to be fully Medicaid eligible for 6-month continuous or 9-month non-continuous in the desired 12-month period to be considered for attribution.

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## **Member Attribution Considerations**

# Member Attribution Data Considerations – Step 1

## Step 1: Does this fully eligible member have 6-month continuous or 9-month non-continuous enrollment?\*



The following considerations will be applied during Step 1 of the attribution process.

### Definition of Full Eligibility

- A member can qualify for various aid categories (i.e. rate codes) with associated benefit levels.
- Only members who receive full benefits are eligible for attribution.
- If a member has multiple aid categories for a specific month, one indicating full eligibility and another indicating partial eligibility, an aid category hierarchy will be applied to determine if a member is eligible for attribution for that month.

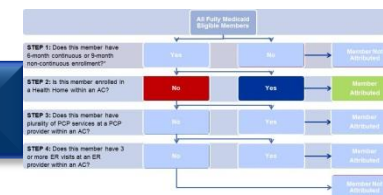
### Enrollment Period Criteria

- The criteria of 6-month continuous or 9-month non-continuous enrollment is based on the most recent 12-month enrollment information available.

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## Member Attribution Data Considerations – Step 2

### Step 2: Is this member enrolled in a Health Home within an AC?



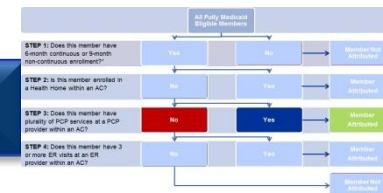
*The following considerations will be applied during Step 2 of the attribution process.*

#### Assignment through Health Home Enrollment

- Since the Health Home program was recently implemented in January 2013, a member snapshot will be used to identify enrolled members.
- Deloitte was provided each member enrolled in health homes and their selected care provider as indicated by the site level NPI+3 for September 2013.
- A member's site level NPI+3 information is used together with the site level NPI+3 information received from each AC to attribute members to their corresponding AC.

## Member Attribution Data Considerations – Step 3

### Step 3: Does this member have plurality of PCP services at a PCP provider within an AC?



*The following considerations will be applied during Step 3 of the attribution process.*

#### Definition of Plurality

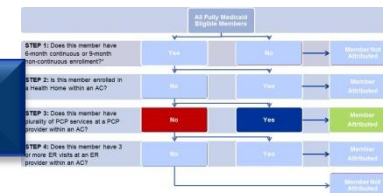
- Plurality is quantified in terms of a count of primary care services.
- A member's primary care services inside the AC are combined for all participating providers.
- A member's primary care services outside of an AC are rolled up at the pay-to NPI level.
- A member's accumulation of primary care services within each AC is compared to the accumulation of primary care services at each pay-to NPI level outside any AC. The member will be attributed to either an AC or a pay-to NPI where there is plurality of services.
- If a tie exists between service counts inside and outside the AC, the attribution will be determined by if the most recent visit occurred inside or outside the AC.

#### Use of NPI Information

- Rendering provider NPIs received from the ACs are used to identify non-Federally Qualified Health Center ("FQHC"), non-Rural Health Center ("RHC"), non-Indian Health Services ("IHS") primary care services in the program.
- Site level NPI+3 are used to identify FQHC/RHC/IHS primary care services in the program.
- Claims that are not associated with the NPIs provided will be considered for accumulation of services outside the program.

## Member Attribution Data Considerations – Step 3 (continued)

### Step 3: Does this member have plurality of PCP services at a PCP provider within an AC?



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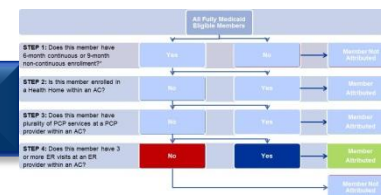
#### Codes to Define Primary Care Services

- Primary Care Services are defined by the following set of codes:
  - CPT Procedure Codes between 99201-99215, 99304-99340, 99341-99350, 99381-99387, 99391-99397; OR
  - HCPC Codes G0402, G0438, G0439, T1015; OR
  - Revenue Codes 0520, 0521, 0522, 0523, 0524, 0525, 0526, 0527, 0528, 0529, 0982, 0983; OR
  - Diagnosis Codes V700, V703, V705, V706, V708, V709

#### Definition of PCP Provider

- The claim must have either a rendering or site-level NPI provided by the AC; AND
- The site level or rendering physician, nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, or physician assistant MUST HAVE one of the below designated specialties or practice in a specified location:
  - Have a primary specialty designation of internal medicine, general practice, family practice, pediatrics, geriatric medicine, obstetrics or gynecology; or
  - Practice in a RHC, FQHC, an IHS center, or School Health Center.

## Member Attribution Data Considerations – Step 4



### Step 4: Does this member have 3 or more ED visits at an ED provider with an AC?

The following considerations will be applied during Step 4 of the attribution process.

#### Codes to Define Emergency Department Services

- Emergency Department visits are defined by claims with the following set of codes:
  - Revenue Codes 0450-0459, 0981; OR
  - CPT Procedure codes 99281-99288.

#### Definition of ED Provider

- Only Emergency Department visits which occurred at the emergency department provider NPIs provided by the ACs are used to count visits.

#### Accumulation of ED Visits

- Emergency Department visits with providers outside of any AC are rolled up at the pay-to NPI level when counting emergency room visits.
- A member's accumulation of emergency room services within each AC is compared to the accumulation of emergency room services at each pay-to NPI level outside any AC. The member will be attributed to either an AC or a pay-to NPI where there is plurality of services.



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**Attribution Next Steps:  
Accountable Communities**

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## **Attribution Next Steps: Action Needed by Some AC's**

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- In its review of AC “Template A” listings of provider and site-level NPI's, MaineCare and the Maine Health Management Coalition Foundation have identified a number of potential errors:
  - Incorrect provider NPI's
  - NPI's listed for providers who have left the practice
  - NPI's listed for providers listed as practicing at a different site
- MaineCare will be reaching out to notify, confirm and/or seek clarifying information from some AC's when appropriate within the next week.

# Questions?